

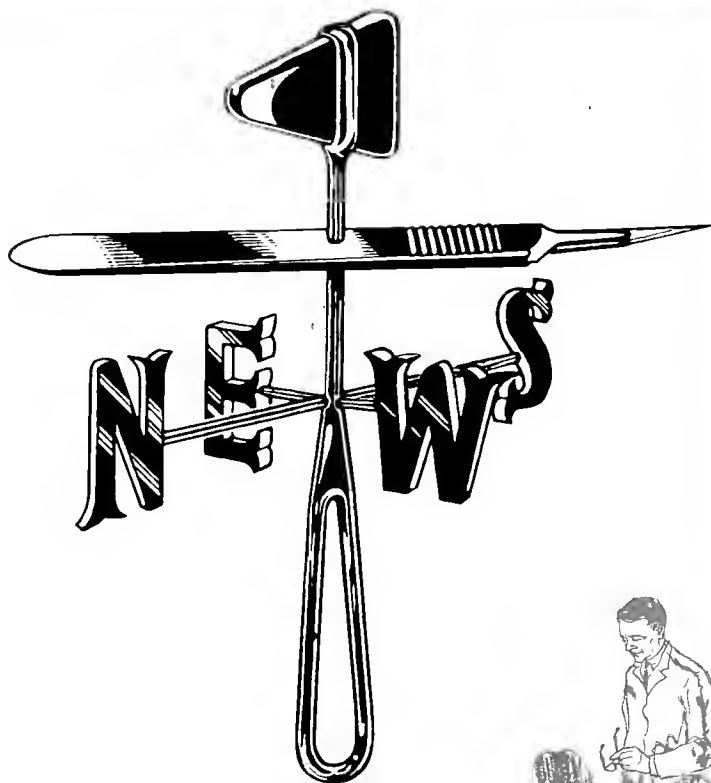
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## *From the Desk of the President*



### THE POWER SEEKERS

The following, written by O. Roger Hollan, M.D., an internist in private practice in San Antonio, is so apropos that I am pleased to be permitted to pass it on to you. This was originally printed in *Medical World News*, Aug. 25, in the department titled "On the Other Hand."

—Rashid Abdu, M.D., President

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"The root cause is not a federal plot; it is the growing disenchantment of legislators with individual physician performance, and most probably a minority of physicians." So states, in part, Dr. Alexander M. Schmidt, chief of the FDA (MWN, June 30, p. 72). His remedy, like that of most bureaucrats, is PSRO.

Government, whether vested in city hall, state house, or Congress, tends to be controlled by lawyers. We physicians tend to think ourselves brilliant because we made it to medical school and because we work at our profession 70-plus hours a week. We are so busy with the problems of patients and with our personal problems that we forget about an equal segment of brilliant professional people. They are not afflicted with concern except for themselves: They are the power-seekers.

Divide and conquer, confuse the public, attack the hard-working physician who is defenseless, say the power-seekers. Then proceed to do as you wish. Thus, the power-seekers blame the medical profession for many of the nation's ills—the medical profession is too expensive; it lives neither in the ghetto nor in the country, as a group it is stupid; there are too many specialists, and yet we need more who can specialize in soup to nuts; finally, the profession does not rid itself of sick or incompetent physicians. Now these are the criticisms being leveled by such great authorities on morals and ethics as Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and Rep. Wilbur D. Mills. Add to this list the bureaucrats and physicians who, unable to tolerate people and patients, find lucrative positions to tell others "how it should be done."

Perhaps Congress could regain genuine credibility if, indeed, Senator Kennedy returned to Boston, lived there, and solved its financial and school problems; if Representative Mills returned to Arkansas and made a real contribution to its rural problems. If sick and infirm members of the Supreme Court were replaced; if absentee members of Congress were removed; if lawyers were criticized for their exorbitant fees; if the bureaucrats were truthful and simply stated that the real purpose of PSRO is to add more people to the payroll.

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### Editorial

## A "JONES" CAN BE RELIEVED

Recently, I was awakened in the wee hours of the morning by a telephone call from a nurse, who to her dismay had recently discovered that her brother was addicted to heroin. During the conversation she related to me how she had sat up all night with her brother, trying to comfort him while he was having severe withdrawal symptoms. (In junkie language this is called a "Jones", "coming down hard", or "having a monkey on one's back"). Finally because of repeated episodes of vomiting, crampy abdominal pain, chills and obvious agony, she took him to the Emergency Room at one of our local hospitals. He was examined by the physician on duty and the aforementioned diagnosis was confirmed. The patient was given five milligrams of Valium intramuscular, told to seek help at the local methadone clinic and sent home. Her reason for calling me was to find out if more could have been done at the Emergency Room to help ease her brother's misery, since the Valium had not done so. My answer to her was quick and to the point, yes, more could have been done for her brother, as a matter of fact, for any heroin addict that is having acute and severe withdrawal symptoms. An injection of Morphine or Demerol would have been the best way to give this individual some relief. Some may question the legality and morality of this. It is legal however, to give an addict having withdrawal symptoms a narcotic because at this time you are treating a medical illness, brought on by a physiologic need and this is a quick and effective method to treat the illness. The legality of this is spelled out in the Drug Enforcement Act of 1974. Morally speaking it is very simple, you cannot make an addict out of an addict. If an addict presents severe withdrawal symptoms, he can be treated adequately and then referred to a maintenance center for follow up care. A "Jones" can and should be relieved.

—Earnest Perry, M.D.  
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## FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT

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None of these "ifs" will become reality. The power-seekers are in control and the attack is aimed at the medical profession from early morning until late at night. But the power-seekers should be exposed. We physicians must go on the attack and forget defensive tactics. If all the various health plans were enacted, it would require 75% of our population to deliver the non-existent goods that the hierarchy deems necessary. Our government has become too expensive and is bankrupting the moral and fiscal fiber of the country. PSRO will not save us. Most dedicated doctors are so busy taking care of patients and attempting to remain abreast of new trends in medicine that they have neither the time nor the inclination to worry about PSRO.

What then are solutions to the problem of government intervention? I believe that the medical profession can play a solid role in righting the ship of state if doctors are willing to hold out for "right" rather than settle for expediency. This will require a variety of efforts. First and always, we must strive to provide the best possible care for our patients. But this now requires constant attention to the political arena. Federal legislation has inflated the cost of medical care, as it has inflated the cost of our automobiles and now threatens the oil industry. Doctors have few votes but they can influence patients. One thoughtful patient suggested defeat for every office-holder with more than two terms in office. Perhaps we doctors should diligently pursue this campaign.

Let's make our lawmakers insecure, vote them out of office often, and then let our nation prosper from thoughtful, worthwhile legislative endeavor. Let's not reward the morally bankrupt, the wheeler-dealer, the physically incompetent, or the alcoholic with high office. Let's keep our standards above reproach and insist on similar ethics from our public officials. Let's insist on sane, sensible health legislation for schools, institutions, and the needy. Let's not raise false hopes with promises that cannot be fulfilled. Let's insist on fair "model health insurance" programs. Certainly these goals are idealistic, but let's try.

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### *In Memoriam*

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**JOSEPH M. BASILE, M.D.**

**1887 - 1975**

Dr. Joseph M. Basile, Dermatologist, died of a heart ailment on Tuesday, Sept. 16. He was 88.

Dr. Basile was born in Lebanon. He received his medical degree at the French Faculty of Medicine, Beirut, Syria, and interned at St. Joseph Hospital at Beirut. He was a physician and captain for three years in the Turkish Army during World War I.

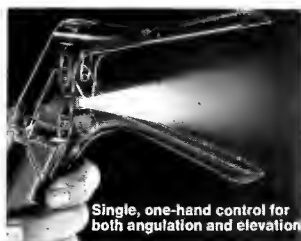
He came to Youngstown in 1922 and interned at St. Elizabeth Hospital, and in 1925 opened an office at 1125 Wilson Ave. for the general practice of medicine. He maintained his office at the same place until his retirement in 1972, at age 85. For the last 20 years of practice, he specialized in Dermatology.

In 1969, Dr. Basile was awarded the fifty-year pin and certificate from the Ohio State Medical Association. The presentation was made by Dr. Lieber at the Mural Room. Dr. Basile was a member of St. Maron Church.

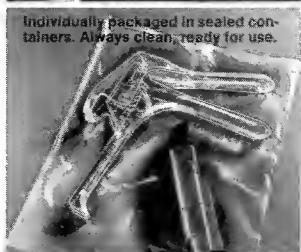
Both of Dr. Basile's sons are physicians. Dr. Michael J. Basile is at Akron and Dr. Vincent T. Basile is at West Point, N. Y.

The passing of Dr. Basile is mourned by his many friends. He epitomized the old time doctor, who stayed in one location to serve that part of the community, and who retired only after a full life devoted to medicine.

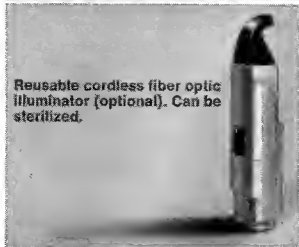
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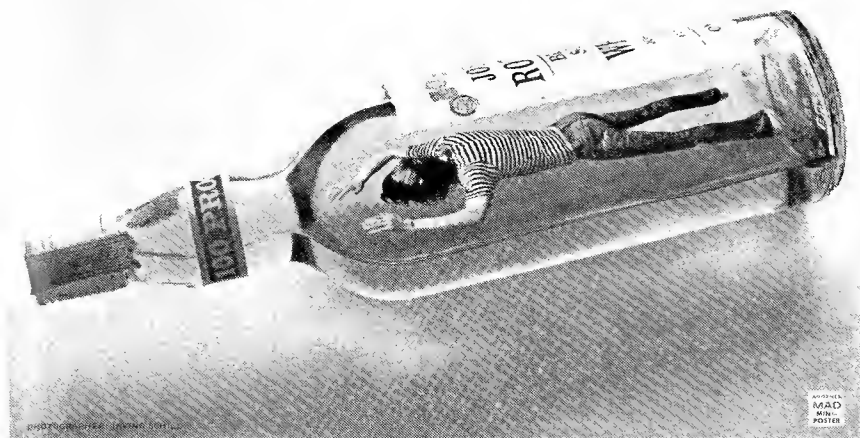
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The Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring a Symposium on Teenage Drinking and Alcoholism, Thursday, Oct. 23, Hitchcock Aud., South Unit of Youngstown Hospital Association, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.,

Four speakers will be presented: Dr. Leonard Spiegel, Professor of Chemistry at Youngstown State University will talk on "Alcohol in the Body." Frank Gelbman, Chief of Psychiatry at Youngstown Hospital Association, will speak on "Alcohol Abuse." Mrs. Delores Hall, Guidance Counselor for Canfield High School, will speak on "Guidelines for Counselors and Parents." Mrs. Lotta Veazey, Educational Consultant of the Community Alcoholism Center, will talk on "Community Agencies."

Physicians and their wives are cordially invited to attend the symposium, which is expected to draw a large number of guidance counselors and health educators from the city, diocese and county schools.

Arrangements for the symposium have been made by the Auxiliary's Health Education Committee, Mrs. Robert Bacani, chairman.

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## PROVIDER AGREEMENT AGAIN

It is reported that physicians in Ohio are receiving in the mail a new "provider agreement" from the Ohio Department of Welfare. The Mahoning County Medical Society urges all doctors to read the agreement carefully. Doctors signing it would be wise to know exactly what they are signing.

The agreement is for providers (physicians) who wish to receive payment under Title XIX, Medicaid. A similar provider agreement was sent to doctors several years ago.

## MEDICAL ASSISTANTS HAVE BALL



The above two photos show a small portion of the 340 girls in attendance at the Medical Assistants Dinner at Ramada Inn last week.

More than 340 medical assistants (including three males) attended the 19th annual Medical Assistants Dinner given by the doctors for their office staff on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, at Ramada Inn.

Entertainment was provided by two barbershop quartets, one female (The Flex O'Belles) and one male (The Advance Notice). Thirty-three lucky ladies went home with handsome door-prizes. Another twenty-five won centerpieces. All received a bicentennial pendant as a favor.

Chairman and master of ceremonies was Dr. George Dietz. Dr. Abdu welcomed the girls and Nena LaBarbera, president of the Medical Assistants Society, responded for the girls. Special guests were Dr. Sovik, vice president, and Dr. W. H. Evans and Mrs. Evans, chairman of the Medical Assistants Committee.

## PHYSICIAN ADVERTISING DEFINED

It has been established by custom that newspaper advertising by physicians shall be of a specific size, which is 2 columns wide by 2 inches high. The size has been approved by the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society.

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## EDUCATION WAS MEETING TOPIC

Members attending the Sept. 16th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society heard about the Mahoning and Shenango Area Health Education Network from speaker Ken Proefrock, who is executive director of that organization.

During 1974-75, MSAHEN programmed 178 hours of professional education programs. In 1975-76, it has scheduled 114 programs for allied health personnel, 80 for nursing and 68 for physicians.

Mr. Proefrock made the point that while MSAHEN is federally supported it is not a federal program. There are no federal guidelines or regulations so everything is locally determined with priorities established by those participating.

Following the talk, Ken and Dr. Caccamo, chairman of the board of directors of MSAHEN, answered questions.

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## DOWN MEMORY LANE — 1935

I have a very vivid memory of Ivan C. Smith, business manager of the Bulletin soliciting advertisement from the stores all along Federal Street. He was so successful that there was never a deficit in our Bulletin's "budget."

Speakers bureau was active. Dr. R. H. Middleton spoke on "Children's Diseases" at the South Side Child League. Dr. E. Henry Jones addressed the Ford Grow Society on "The Laws of Health," and the Washington P.T.A. on "Skin Diseases Common to Children of School Age." Dr. D. H. Smeltzer addressed the Social Workers Club on the "Care & Training of Dependents in Institutions." Dr. M. H. Bachman spoke to the Lawyers Club on "X-Ray in Legal Medicine" and to the Round Table Club on "X-Ray in Modern Medicine."

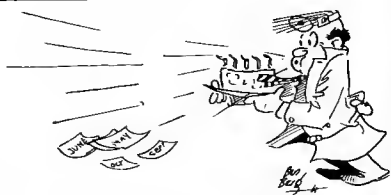
The Thursday noon luncheons of the Medical-Dental Bureau were well attended and interest in them was becoming more and more enthusiastic. Speakers included Ralph White, president of the Chamber of Commerce, school superintendent Roudebush, Charles Leedy of the Telegram, and Dr. Charles Lamb, a medical missionary from Persia, one of our hometown boys.

Under the leadership of Dr. H. E. Hathhorn the Medical Society undertook the responsibility of immunizing our pre-school children of Youngstown against diphtheria. The City Council appropriated \$3000.00 to pay us at the rate of fifty cents each for immunizing those who were unable to pay. Toxin was obtained at the city Board of Health free of charge for all cases, both indigent and pay.

Dr. John H. Talbot of the Harvard Fatigue Laboratory was here all summer of 1934 to study the cause of heat cramps in our mills. He made his report to the Society in May of 1935. A small amount of salt prevents the cramps. On hot days, our emergency rooms were busy giving intravenouses. We thought the cause of these cramps was dehydration and we did give intravenouses but we did not realize that it was the salt that gave relief.

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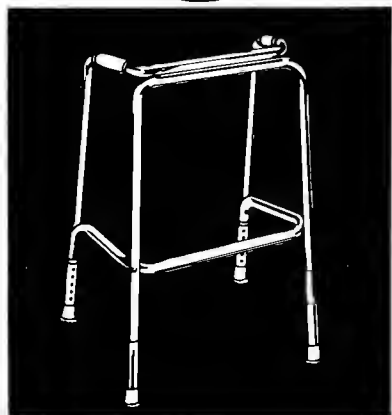
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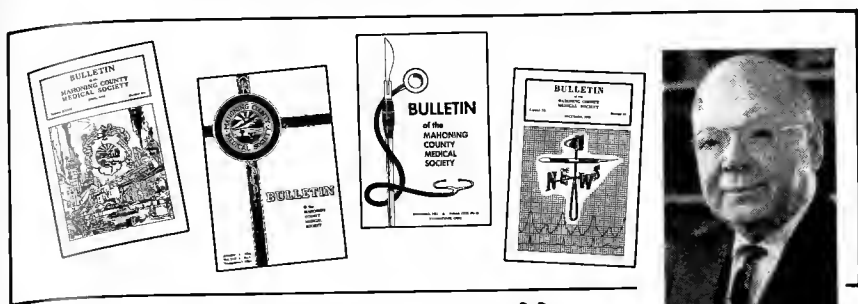


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C. A. Gustafson opened his office at 101 Lincoln Ave. E. J. Wenaas returned from post-graduate study and joined W. H. Evans in the practice of ophthalmology. Dr. Paul Harvey had an excellent article in this issue on "Peptic Ulcer." R. H. Middleton and Helen Heck were married. Karl Allison died. He was our first proctologist.

### THIRTY YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1945

Doctors were streaming back from the war. Others out in the Pacific were counting their points and hoping. Some of the returnees had no office, no car and very little money. Dr. Allsop's committee was busy checking office space, arranging telephone service and offering financial aid. Service men were assured they would be given their former hospital appointments, their industrial and insurance jobs. The Home Savings and Loan Building kept every doctor's office just as he left it, cleaned and ready to move in and no charge for rent or storage.

John Keyes, Sears, Klatman, McConnell, DeCicco, Goldberg, Epstein and Kaufman were home and ready to work. Bowman, Firestone, Tims, McElroy, Boyle and Lawton were back in the country but not yet separated from military service.

Barclay Brandmiller was in Manila for V-J Day, where he found Denny Thomas and Kenneth Camp. John Rogers was convalescing at Sorrento from a streptococcal pharyngitis.

Last minute promotions: Andrew Detesco to Lieutenant U.S.N.R., W. H. Evans, J. L. Fisher and M. B. Goldstein to Commander U.S.N.R.

The Ohio Medical Indemnity was organized in Columbus. Bill Skipp and Dave Endres were elected to the Board of Directors.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1955

The first Indoctrination Dinner for new members was voted a great success. Speakers and their subjects were: Vern Goodwin on Medical Ethics, Ivan Smith on the Constitution of the Mahoning County Medical Society. James D. Brown on Hospital Relations, Joseph Wasilko on Insurance, C. A. Gustafson on the function of the Ohio State Medical Association and William Skipp on the function of the American Medical Association.

New members that month were: Active: Chas. N. Giering, H. L. Allen, Jas. W. Barnes, D. B. Brown, Alex Calder, L. P. Caccamo, D. J. Cox, G. H. Davies, G. B. McAleese, George E. Pugh and Jack Schreiper. Associate: R. E. Carr, R. D. Murray and N. E. Sharrer. Intern: John Burke. James Medley, R. J. Paul and K. H. White, Jr.

## TEN YEARS AGO — OCTOBER 1965

With the implementation of Medicare still nine months away, Chuck Stertzbach had an article outlining the pitfalls and benefits of Participation vs. Non-participation. The article was very prophetic.

President John J. McDonough announced a day-long Health Care Symposium to be held at the Mural Room in November. The annual Postgraduate Day was held in Canton at the Onesto Hotel. It was reported that more than 80,000 visited the Medical tent at the Canfield Fair, sponsored by the Mahoning County Medical Society for the 14th consecutive year.

An article about the Youngstown Public Health Laboratory was written by Alberta McDonough, which prompted editor Kurt Wegner to write a complimentary editorial on working wives and the satisfaction they enjoy by doing productive work outside the home.

—J. L. F.

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## DRUG PICK-UP THIS MONTH

The annual collection of unwanted drug samples by the Woman's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society is now under way. Members of the Auxiliary began to visit offices on Monday, Oct. 6th, and will continue to do so until the last day of the campaign, which is Friday, Oct. 24th.

The mechanism for collecting drugs is set-up to operate over the three-week collection period and the day or two of extra time that is required to pack the samples and ship them to Detroit. After that the team is disbanded and there is no way to handle any more drugs for this year. Because of this, all offices are urged to have samples boxed and ready for pick up during the three-week collection period.

If your office has not heard from the Auxiliary by Tuesday, Oct. 21st, you may wish to notify the chairman, Mrs. Robert D. Rich or the Medical Society office.

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## VD REGULATIONS

Communicable Disease Regulations of the Ohio Department of Health require that, "Any physician who diagnoses or treats, or other person who otherwise has knowledge of a case or suspected case of venereal disease shall, in addition to the report required in Regulations HE-3-02 to HE-3-07, inclusive, OSC, obtain the name, address, age, sex, color, and any other such information as will permit such person to be located, of all person associated with such case or suspected case who might reasonably be suspected of harboring or having acquired a venereal disease, and shall include such information with the case report to the health commissioner," HE-3-22.

Further, HE-3-25 provides that, "If any person being treated for a venereal disease discontinues treatment while the disease is still communicable, the physician shall report such discontinuance of treatment to the health commissioner . . ."

The complete communicable disease regulations are available from the Ohio Department of Health, P. O. Box 118, Columbus, Ohio 43216.

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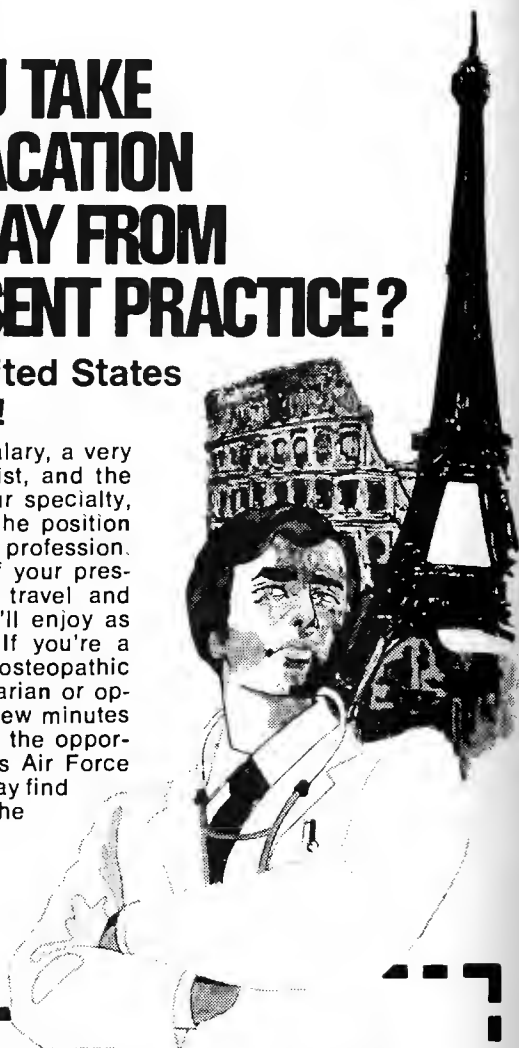
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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Sept. 9, 1975

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, Sept. 9, 1975, at the Youngstown Club.

A sample of yellow pages from the telephone book with a new type of listing of physicians was passed around for council members to see. Apparently this service of listing physicians by specialty as well as alphabetically will be offered to Youngstown doctors. Doctors buying the second listing will pay for it in addition to the primary listing in the yellow pages. Council restated the question of whether this second (or double) listing was ethical. The executive secretary was requested to find out the cost of yellow page listings.

A letter was read from HEW announcing the recommendation for redesignating the area of Region Six Peer Review Corporation of Akron.

A letter written by Dr. Camardese of Huron County to Dr. Porterfield, president of the Ohio Foundation for Medical Care was read. The letter asked pertinent questions about the Foundation. A letter will be sent to Dr. Camardese commending him for his tireless efforts on behalf of medicine, stating that we agree with his concept and thoughts and his probing questions.

A letter from a different section of HEW was read stating that they have received the recommendations for redesignating Region Six Peer Review area and are processing the recommendations.

A letter from the Mahoning Valley Health Planning Association concerning an Emergency Health Services Feasibility and Systems Planning Grant was considered too involved to be judged at this time. The letter will be re-submitted to council members at an early date giving them time to give it thorough consideration for action at the October meeting of Council.

A letter from the Ohio State Medical Association was noted in which it was strongly urged that a physician be in attendance at all scholastic contact sports events in Ohio. Several Mahoning County schools needing doctors were listed. It was noted that Dr. Mike Vuksta, chairman of the Athletic Injuries Committee had received the same letter and has already taken care of the problem. Council asked that Dr. Vuksta be commended for his action.

A letter was read from the Woman's Auxiliary thanking the Medical Society for the action that will provide a yearly contribution to be used for their charitable projects plus the dance.

A letter was read from Mr. Harnish, president of MVHPA, in answer to our questions about the hemophilia program. In the discussion that followed, Dr. Squicquero stated that the hemophilia program was a good service to the community and that it is being handled properly toward a satisfactory solution.

A letter was read from the Children's and Family Service asking that a representative of the Medical Society serve on an advisory committee for the Consumer Credit Counselling Service to be operated by Children's and Family Service. Dr. Abdu will appoint a representative.

It was reported that preparations for the Medical Assistants Dinner are coming along in fine shape. The Dinner is Thursday, Oct. 2 at Ramada Inn. The chairman urges all doctors to send all their girls.

Dr. Squicquero, reporting for the Blood Bank Committee, announced that the project will be the Mahoning Valley Community Blood Bank, consisting of the Youngstown Hospital Association, St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Youngstown Osteopathic Hospital Association, the Mahoning County Medical Society and community members. A corporation is being formed. The blood banks of Youngstown Hospital and St. Elizabeth Hospital will be used as the facilities. Further plans will be developed. Steps are currently being taken to bring together all the facilities for the initial development. The motion was made by Dr. Schreiber, and properly seconded, that council give a vote of confidence to the Blood Bank Committee and encourage them to continue

their efforts to establish a blood banking program for the Mahoning Valley. Motion was passed.

The dates for all meetings for 1976 were presented. It was noted that the December meeting in 1976 will fall on the 21st, but it was noted that this cannot be changed without interfering with already scheduled hospital meetings.

Discussion ensued concerning the welfare fund for which there has been a \$5.00 assessment per member per year since 1968. The Council went into executive session. Following the reconvening of Council, the motion was made by Dr. Barton, and properly seconded, that Council recommend to the Medical Society that the assessment be increased to \$25 per member per year. Motion was passed.

Dr. Abdu recommended to council that a mechanism be established to give aid and advice to the widow following the doctor's death. The motion was made by Dr. Tandatnick, and properly seconded, that it be made a duty of the past president of the Medical Society to check with a widow at the proper time following the death of a physician member and report back to council if there is a problem. Motion was passed. Dr. Melnick was asked to check with several widows of recently deceased doctors and report to Council at the next meeting.

Dr. Abdu introduced discussion concerning the problem of the Child and Adult Mental Health Center and the National Association of Social Workers. The latter organization is asking that no social workers work at the Mental Health Center. It was agreed that a committee investigate the matter to ascertain facts. Dr. Abdu appointed Dr. Perry, Dr. Gilliland, Dr. Squicquero, Dr. Chiu and Dr. Melnick to an Ad Hoc Committee for the purpose. The Committee is to enlist the aid of the Mental Health Committee. Dr. Gilliland was appointed chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Meeting was adjourned.

Howard Rempes  
Executive Secretary

## DR. J. P. HARVEY HONORED

Dr. J. P. Harvey was honored at the Sept. 16th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society with the presentation of a plaque, which reads: "Award of Excellence presented to Joseph Paul Harvey, M.D., F.A.C.P., F.A.C.C. in recognition for his services to the medical profession, when, as secretary, 1921 to 1930, he edited monthly newsletters which were the precursors to our present Bulletin. Mahoning County Medical Society, Youngstown, Ohio, Sept. 16, 1975."

Dr. Abdu made the presentation, to which Dr. Harvey responded by telling how he had started the newsletters for the purpose of improving attendance. The project was so successful that the Society had to find a larger meeting quarters. Dr. Harvey was accorded a standing ovation.

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